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President's Message

MRS. KRAUSS, our vice-president, will give you a report on the progress of the Foundation during the past year. I do not have the figures on membership but I am sure you will be as pleased as I have been in the increase both in numbers and size of memberships. The Arboretum itself, by reason of increased financial support given it both by the University and by the Foundation is in better shape than it was last year. Permanent plantings have been made that will soon make an impressive showing. Maintenance will be possible this coming year that of necessity had to be curtailed last year because of lack of funds. In general, I think it may be said that we have had a most successful year.

It is particularly gratifying that the entry of this country into the war has not resulted in a failure of support by the public of this worthwhile project. I think it would be a tragic thing if war, itself the most inhuman scourge that can be inflicted on a civilized nation, should result in destroying or crippling the cultural interests represented by the Arboretum. We simply can't afford to let this happen. England has found that her great Kew gardens have been an important civilian morale factor. While bending every effort to win the war, let us not forget that the beauty and the grace of bountiful nature is a solace and a joy in these tragic days. The Arboretum, itself a long range undertaking, deserves your support for the days to follow, after the war, when, if preserved, it will come into its full and mature beauty.

As your retiring president, I bespeak your continued support. I am sorry not to be able to attend the annual meeting. The Arboretum means a lot to all of us. Let's keep it. Let's support it in an even larger measure than before.

DONALD G. GRAHAM,
Major, Army Air Forces.

Annual Report of the Arboretum Foundation

WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB—JUNE 10, 1942

*Presented by MRS. ARTHUR J. KRAUSS, Vice-President,
in the absence of DONALD G. GRAHAM, President*

THIS is a report of the Arboretum Foundation for the year June 1, 1941, ending May 31, 1942. Our treasurer, Mr. H. L. Collier, reports that on June 1, 1941, the Foundation had cash on hand amounting to \$2,963.67. During the year receipts from all sources amounted to \$14,684.77 or a total of \$17,648.44. Disbursements during the year amounted to \$12,990.62, leaving a balance on hand on June 1, 1942, of \$4,657.82. Included in the disbursements is the sum of \$226.75 which was transferred to the Endow-

Empty pocket-size tobacco cans, in which to place seeds, are very much in demand at the Arboretum greenhouse. If you have any, please deliver or send them to the greenhouse or to Arboretum Foundation headquarters, in the White-Henry-Stuart Building.

ment Fund and set up as a separate account in a savings bank.

Total receipts, as given above, include gross receipts from the sale of apples and from conducting a primrose show. From these, of course, certain expenses are deductible. After deducting these expenses the net income for the year amounted to \$10,128.88. This was made up as follows: Amount received for membership dues, \$6,027.00; net profit on sale of apples, \$1,274.00; net profit on primrose show, \$546.98; donations for maintenance, \$435.18; miscellaneous general donations, \$35.30; plant sponsorings, \$115.00; sale of surplus plant material, \$366.80; advertising in enlarged March BULLETIN, \$391.00; money contributed by Arboretum units from lunches, \$90.74; expenditures not including actual expenses in connection with the apple drive, primrose show and transfer of Endowment Fund were \$8,207.00. Of this amount, \$4,758.00 was turned over to the University, and \$3,449.00 was expended by the Foundation for administration expenses. This included salaries of office representative, printing, rental, telephone and office supplies.

You will note that by far the largest item of income is membership dues. The total membership on June 1, 1942, was 1,404. Of this number 361 were new memberships received during the year. There are 353 members who reside outside of Seattle and represent 97 towns and cities in the State of Washington. Twenty-six memberships came from 12 other states and Alaska—California, Oregon, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Arizona, Missouri and Washington, D. C., and Kodiak, Alaska. There are 81 garden clubs, two schools and five additional clubs within the State of Washington which are now members of the Arboretum Foundation.

It is interesting to note the increase in membership during the past few years. Subscriptions were first taken out in 1935 and on June 1, 1938, there were 315 members. Since that time, under the active and inspiring leadership of Mrs. Donald G. Graham, this number has steadily increased until we now have 1,404 members whose annual contribution amounted to \$6,027.00.

The Arboretum units, through their chairman, Mrs. Carl Ballard's enthusiastic efforts, have likewise progressed this past year. There are a present 417 unit members, bringing in combined dues of \$1,247.00. Twenty-four units are now organized, 4 of which were formed during the past year;

22 of these are in Seattle, 1 in Tacoma and 1 in Bellingham. This is a very important phase of our membership activity. Sixty-two members have been brought into the Foundation this year through the units. Three of the units are active working groups at the Arboretum nursery and greenhouses, greatly aiding in the work that would otherwise be hampered due to lack of labor. Units No. 2, No. 7 and No. 13 have been the most active in this. One of these groups, Unit No. 7, spent 720 man hours in one month alone. Many of the garden clubs have likewise aided with actual work at the greenhouses and in the Arboretum. We are augmenting the working staff at the Arboretum as fast as our funds allow. Dr. Hanley will give you details of this part of the work.

For the third time an apple sale was conducted by the Arboretum Foundation. This took place in October, November and December of 1941 under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Krauss, chairman of the Apple Sale Committee. Washington Delicious apples, grown in Eastern Washington, were sent to 2,256 persons representing a total of 523 buyers. Of these, 195 were from outside of Seattle, scattered over the whole country, and 330 were from Seattle proper. In spite of the entry of our country into war during December and the falling off of business in general, there was an increase in our revenue this year over last. Your cooperation in supporting this project is deeply appreciated.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Roy P. Ballard and her committee, a successful primrose show was held during April in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schibig of Lawtonwood. The generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Schibig in opening their garden for an eight-day period is hereby gratefully acknowledged. Mrs. Ballard is to be congratulated on the financial returns from this show, coming as it did during a period of very inclement weather. In spite of this, approximately 1,000 people shared in the privilege of seeing this beautiful garden.

Special mention should be made of the fine support the Arboretum Foundation has received from garden clubs in the state. The Acquisitions Committee, largely through the efforts of Mr. Herbert Ihrig and Mrs. Don H. Palmer, accumulated \$435.18 in contributions during this spring as a special fund towards maintenance during the emergency. Of that amount, \$135.00 came directly from the Federated clubs, most of them being from small, outlying districts, \$245.25 was given by the Lake Washington Garden Club and the balance came from individual contributions. During the past year, \$1,912.62 was paid directly to the University for plantings by various individuals and garden clubs. This item is not included in the income of the Arboretum Foundation which has already been given, nor does it include the value of plant material donated. It is made up as follows: Seattle Garden Club, \$1,005.00; West Seattle Garden Club, \$357.62; Mercer Island Garden Club, \$100.00; City Wide Flower Club, \$75.00; Seattle Chrysanthemum Society, \$50.00; Enumclaw Garden Club, \$50.00; August Kristoferson, \$38.00; Madison Garden Club, \$20.00; Kenmore Garden Club, \$5.00; Chuckanut District, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, \$15.00; Unit No. 5, Lake Washington Garden Club, \$15.00; Arboretum Unit No. 2, \$190.00. Most of these donations were marked for specific planting and the plant material was purchased with the proceeds. However, \$205.00 of this amount was used to furnish a room at the Arboretum to be occupied by a University student in return for his services as a night watchman and for other small duties.

In addition there has been turned into the Foundation and paid into the Rhododendron Trust Fund for the pur-

chase of special plantings, \$50.00 from the North Central District, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, and \$50.00 from the Seattle Council of Administrative Women in Education.

During the past year four radio talks each month were given by Dr. John H. Hanley, our director. A total of approximately 40 talks were given. These talks have proven beneficial in not only educating listeners horticulturally, but in bringing the Arboretum closer to the public consciousness.

A plant disposal committee, under Mr. A. P. Fredrickson's able guidance, was established by the board in October last with the policy that surplus plant material would be placed through the nursery trade in wholesale quantities for cash or exchange. The reports of the chairman of this committee shows a result of \$366.80 cash and \$124.00 value of exchange material or a total from October through March last of \$490.00 for the winter season. The plans for the badly needed lath house were augmented during May by an exchange of surplus plant material with the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company's reforestation nursery for fine cedar lath material. There remain now only the concrete footings to be taken care of before actual construction can be started.

This spring has seen the beginning of a new venture—the enlarged bulletin which was published in March. The plan is to publish these 48-page issues twice a year and the committee is already working on the fall number. This first number was, we feel, a most creditable accomplishment. We have received many enthusiastic comments on it and it is bringing in many new members since it may only be secured through membership in the Arboretum Foundation. The success of this was due entirely to the splendid cooperative efforts of Dr. Hanley, Mrs. Roy P. Ballard and Mrs. Jesse Johnson, who handled all of the advertising.

Acknowledgment should be made at this time to the board of directors and other officers of the Arboretum, and especially to the standing committee chairmen, for their unselfish and untiring efforts in making this past year a successful one. We have already mentioned Mrs. Graham, membership chairman, and Mrs. Carl Ballard, unit chairman. Mr. Donald C. Eggerman, ways and means chairman, has combined the efforts of his committee with membership and has aided greatly in increasing the membership over the previous year. The Foundation is indeed fortunate to have such energetic and resourceful committee chairmen on this most important part of the organization's activities. Mrs. Don Palmer, as head of the Acquisitions Committee, and her committee members have been of inestimable value in carrying on money raising activities and the plant acquisition efforts which are, of course, essential to the Arboretum. The success of this annual meeting has been due to Mrs. Philip Macbride and her committee, who have handled all arrangements for it. Mrs. Macbride devoted a great deal of thought and time to planning the program and the Foundation is indebted to her. Tribute is also due to the other committee chairmen for their conscientious and effective work, Mr. G. Wright Arnold, chairman of the Publicity Committee; Mr. O. B. Thorgrimson, chairman of the Finance Committee; Mr. E. L. Reber, chairman of the Monthly Bulletin Committee; Mrs. J. Swift Baker, chairman of the Speakers Committee; Mr. Herbert Collier, our treasurer, and our secretary, Mr. O. J. C. Dutton.

Dr. Hanley will give you the details of the actual work and accomplishments at the Arboretum but no report of the Arboretum Foundation would be complete without mention of his constant cooperation with each and every member working in Foundation activities. There is never an hour

of a day when he and Mr. Crummett and their assistants in the Arboretum are not ready and willing to answer our calls.

SPECIAL NOTE: *Mrs. Krauss, in presenting the above report, did not, of course, tell about her own activities. As a matter of fact, her work on the apple drive and other matters made her one of our most valuable members. Any task given her was always done promptly, efficiently and with very good results for the Foundation.*

O. B. THORGRIMSON.

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Annual Report of Arboretum Work

JUNE 1, 1941—MAY 31, 1942

By JOHN H. HANLEY, *Director*

IT GIVES me pleasure to submit the annual report of Arboretum activities for the year ending May 31, 1942.

The year has been a critical one in the life of the Arboretum, due to the fact that the cessation of WPA assistance in early July of 1941 placed a tremendous burden upon our small staff. In this connection you will recall the prediction your director made one year ago, at the time of the 1941 annual meeting. It was pointed out to you on that occasion that much more difficult days lay ahead, days when we could rely on ourselves alone to accomplish the multitude of tasks that an arboretum requires. Those days arrived; they are still at hand; they will continue to face us challengingly down through the years.

Now, for a moment, permit me to examine our sponsoring organization, the Foundation, in the light of its reaction to the onset of this difficult period. By so doing, perhaps you can foretell something of the future course or trend that the development of the Arboretum will follow.

The University of Washington Arboretum Foundation, composed of an increasingly important group of our citizens, is unique and invaluable. It has demonstrated an admirable ability to adapt itself with great alacrity and ease to the changed situation imposed by the withdrawal of federal monies from the project. It has enabled that change to be made with a minimum of friction and with real dignity. It has realized the size and import of the immediate problems so imposed. When the government announced its decision to withdraw its support last July, the Foundation set about at once to alleviate the difficulties by accepting, without any reservations, the challenge of an increased financial responsibility. That it was successful is eminently evidenced by the fact that our Arboretum staff has been more than doubled in the course of the twelve-month period. On June 1, 1941, Mr. Sidney Stenmoe was hired to take charge of all field work in the Arboretum; on January 1, 1942, Mr. Carol Wieting was added to the staff and has now been given charge of the nursery. Mr. Wieting was formerly associated with the Edison Vocational School here in Seattle, having been in charge of the course in horticulture and gardening. On February 1, 1942, Mr. Ben Pembleton, formerly gardener for Mr. Perry B. Truax, was hired to assist in the nursery and in the field. These additions could not have been made without a very considerable increase in those funds which come to us through the Foundation. One cannot overstress the importance of maintaining these funds at the present level and of increasing them at the earliest possible moment.

Additional Equipment

The Foundation has also responded admirably to special appeals for assistance in the purchase of much needed

equipment. We have all recognized that complete mechanization is absolutely essential at the Arboretum in order to enable a reduced staff to accomplish a maximum of work. During the year there have been three important equipment items purchased by the Foundation from extra funds over and above their annual commitment. More than \$1,000.00 was thus provided for the purchase of (1) a power-driven sickle-bar mower; (2) a power-driven lawn mower of the reel type, and (3) a Rototiller. It is impossible to estimate the importance to the Arboretum of these three items. The Foundation is to be congratulated, first for recognizing the need for them and second for expending their considerable energies to raise the additional funds needed for the purchases.

These two important achievements, namely, the considerable increase in the permanent staff and the raising of funds for essential equipment, serve to emphasize what your director has contended from the beginning of his tenure, namely, that we have in the Foundation an inestimable asset, unique to this University of Washington Arboretum, and militant in its desire to achieve an outstanding result with its project. In it we have an organization which is even more important to us than would be a large, private endowment, much as this last would be welcomed. The membership of the Foundation, the members of the Board of Directors which determines the policies for the Foundation—all of you—deserve our deepest and most sincere thanks for what you have done. We know that you face the future with us in confidence and with great fortitude, no matter what difficulties and problems that future may bring. We rest in the assurance that by far the majority of you will stand with us as we work to overcome the trials of a turbulent, but happily temporary, period. You realize that what we shall achieve by continued, close cooperation will be an end result so beautiful, so outstanding, as to force into absolute insignificance the fleeting problems of the moment. It will require persistent effort for a long period of years. We, of your staff, stand ready to give that persistent effort to this thing, this creation, this Arboretum, to give it every ounce of energy that we command. We know that you will stand with us doing your full share and then some more in order that we may achieve our ultimate goal.

And how has that goal been approached during the year just passed? Let us consider some of the significant data from our records for the year. On November 17, 1941, we began our fall planting season. In the course of the ensuing five-month period our men planted out into the permanent areas 3,245 trees and shrubs of many types and kinds. Exclusive of these they also handled 1,109 separate lots of seeds, plants and bulbs. Among them were 2,673 plants of 417 different kinds that were received during the year; 601 packages of seed of as many species; 3,082 cuttings of 77 species and varieties, and 5,211 bulbs of 7 separate species.

It is not the purpose of this report to discuss all of the many kinds of plants, seeds and bulbs that were received or otherwise handled during the year, nor even to present a complete list of them. The official lists will be opened for your inspection at the Arboretum at any time you desire it. We deem it wise to mention but a few of the more interesting plant groups that were planted in their permanent positions. We do this with the idea of emphasizing those specific details of progress which lend themselves to an easier appreciation of the final picture that is being created at the Arboretum.

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